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portion of the light which entered. Just outside the open door I could see the white surf pounding against the black rocks with a roar that sometimes threatened to drown the voice of the preacher.

"This was one of the strangest congregations in the whole world—some without fingers, some with their stumps of hands and feet done up in rags. There was not one who did not in some way show the stamp of the loathsome malady.

"They were all dark-skinned natives, except one white man, who sat in a front seat, the picture of hopeless dejection. Mr. Emerson spoke earnestly in the Kanaka language, and his audience listened eagerly. After he had finished he requested me to address the congregation, and I preached my first and perhaps last sermon. One of the lepers, with an obvious paucity of fingers, arose and thanked me. Among other things, he said he hoped I would live long and 'never have leprosy,' as though leprosy to him involved every evil in the world, and if I escaped it I could not fail to be happy.

"After the sermon we got some horses and rode about the settlements. The lepers live in white frame houses about the size of an ordinary room, and divided into several apartments. They do not require much furniture, because they prefer squatting on a floor to sitting in a chair. They have horses, cats, dogs and other domestic animals, and some of them cultivate small gardens. When a Kanaka gets leprosy he regards it as a dispensation of Providence, buries his hopes and ambitions, and goes to Molokai to die. To be sure, the disease is only feebly contagious, but contagious it is, and the slovenly, unhealthy lives led by many natives are conducive to its spread. Huddled together in small damp huts, existing on insufficient and improper food, eating with their dirty fingers from a single dish, smoking the same pipe, it is no wonder the Hawaiians have been decimated by leprosy and afflicted with other terrible diseases. One may live with lepers for many years, however, without contracting leprosy. It is said that a native woman of Honolulu sent three husbands to Molokai with the disease before she developed it herself. There are several other churches in the colony besides the Methodist, including a Catholic church and a Mormon church; but the Catholics seem to be doing most of the real work—the others take it out largely in talk. There are nine Sisters of Charity and two fathers, all from Syracuse, N. Y. The buildings in which they live are neat and clean, and are surrounded by gardens and banana trees. These noble women are sacrificing their lives to a great and loving work under the most discouraging circumstances. How sweet, good and gentle they were to the lepers. Some have been in the colony five or six years without having once left it. But Sisters of Charity are sometimes peculiar, like the rest of us. Sister Rose Gertrude was one of the peculiar kind. It was heralded with a flourish of trumpets that she had decided to consecrate her life to the lepers of Molokai. Donations poured in freely, including considerable money and a piano. When Sister Rose Gertrude reached Honolulu she pocketed the money, sold the piano, married a doctor and returned to the United States as rapidly as possible without having so much as seen a leper. [We will here correct the writer. Miss Amy C. Fowler, who assumed the name of Sister Rose Gertrude, was never either a Sister of Charity or a professed nun of any order.]

"I met on the island a gentleman named Dutton, who had been an officer in the United States army, and had lived for a time in Cincinnati. He was formerly wealthy, and stood high in the social world. Five or six years ago he was converted to the Catholic faith, disposed of his fortune, gave up his social position, and went to Molokai to devote the remainder of his life to the lepers. I found him a good looking and extremely intelligent man, about 45 years of age, with black hair and beard, and a pleasing address. He lived in a one-story, three-roomed cottage, surrounded by a high stone wall. The little rooms contained many religious emblems, pictures of Christ and the Virgin Mary, and were very neat and clean for a bachelor's apartments. A century plant grew in the yard, emblematical, perhaps, of the monotonous life around it.

"Every morning this good Samaritan puts on an old blue blouse and a pair of overalls and goes down to what he calls his 'workshop,' a small frame house with a veranda, around which are arranged a number of benches and some dishpans filled with warm water. Miserable, decrepit lepers come hobbling in until the benches are filled and standing room is at a premium. Mr. Dutton, with true religious courage and sympathy, bathes the leprous sores in the pans of water, and applies fresh salve and bandages. A Cincinnati lady has presented him with a large music box, and while he is attending to these poor people with great ulcers on the soles of their feet, and without toes, or even without much of any feet at all, this music box plays waltzes by Strauss—a genuine piece of sarcasm. Mr. Dutton is nobly carrying out the work inaugurated by Father Damien, who lived some sixteen years among the lepers, and finally died a martyr to the disease, the horror of which he had endeavored so long to mitigate.

"I remained in the leper colony two nights and nearly two days, and was just as glad to get away from the place as I was to get into it. I never before realized how dreary a landscape could be in spite of beautiful scenery and perfect climate if suffering humanity formed the background. Although, strictly speaking, the people do not suffer much. A characteristic of the

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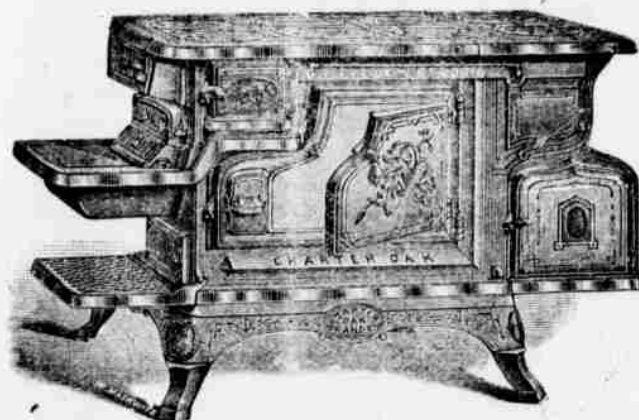
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